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Applicant: Francis X. Ignatious

Art Unit: 1631

Serial No.: 09/744,350

Examiner: Michael L. Borin

Filed: May 22, 2001

Title: ENCAPSULATION OF WATER SOLUBLE PEPTIDES

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on November 14, 2002, be extended for five months to, and including, May 14, 2003. The fee for the extension of time is \$1,970.00 and is to be paid as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Applicant hereby authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fees that may be deemed to be due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0590. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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